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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
TETSUYA ITANO ET AL.) : Examiner: Aung S. Moe
Application No.: 09/976,096) : Group Art Unit: 2685
Filed: October 15, 2001) : Confirmation No.: 9346
For: IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS) : May 30, 2006
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Introductory Comments

In response to the Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, the Examiner is requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.